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FOR: CARBON INTERSTICED

METALLIC PALLADIUM,

PALLADIUM CATALYST AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING ALPHA,BETA-UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC

ACID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.